

Amendments to the Claims:

Listing of Claims:

1- 27. (Cancelled)

28. (New) A method comprising:

detecting, by a processor, a plurality of messaging system events;

recording, by the processor, the plurality of messaging system events in a database;

compiling from the plurality of messaging system events, by the processor, a plurality of times for signing in and signing out of a target, an average time signed on each day of the target, and a plurality of messages sent and received by the target;

displaying, by the processor, the plurality of times for signing in and signing out of the target, the average time signed on each day of the target, and the plurality of messages sent and received by the target; and

determining, from the plurality of times for signing in and signing out of the target, the average time signed on each day of the target, and the plurality of messages sent and received by the target, a best time to contact the target for a messaging session.

29. (New) The method of claim 28 further comprising:

wherein the plurality of messaging system events are detected on a messaging system that is one of an instant messaging system, an email messaging system, or an electronic bulletin board system; and

wherein the plurality of times for signing in and signing out of the target, the average time signed on each day of the target, and the plurality of messages sent and received by the target are displayed in a statistical histogram.

30. (New) The method of claim 28 further comprising:

disabling, by the target, a recordation of any portion of the plurality of messaging system events regarding the target.

31. (New) The method of claim 28 further comprising:
providing an access list for the target; and
recording the plurality of times for signing in and signing out of the target, the average time signed on each day of the target, and the plurality of messages sent and received by the target only in response to a person on the access list.
32. (New) The method of claim 28 further comprising:
providing a watch list for the target; and
recording the plurality of times for signing in and signing out of the target, the average time signed on each day of the target, and the plurality of messages sent and received by the target only in response to an event on the watch list.
33. (New) An apparatus comprising:
a computer having a processor connected to messaging system, a computer readable memory, and a computer readable tangible storage device;
first program instructions to detect a plurality of messaging system events of a target;
second program instructions to record the plurality of messaging system events in a database;
third program instructions to compile from the plurality of messaging system events a plurality of times for signing in and signing out of the target, an average time signed on each day of the target, and a plurality of messages sent and received by the target; and
fourth program instructions to display the plurality of times for signing in and signing out of the target, the average time signed on each day of the target, and the plurality of messages sent and received by the target;
wherein the first through the fourth program instructions are stored in the computer readable tangible storage device for execution by the processor via the computer readable memory.

34. (New) The apparatus of claim 33 further comprising:
wherein the plurality of messaging system events are detected on a messaging system that is one of an instant messaging system, an email messaging system, or an electronic bulletin board system; and
wherein the plurality of times for signing in and signing out of the target, the average time signed on each day of the target, and the plurality of messages sent and received by the target are displayed in a statistical histogram.
35. (New) The apparatus of claim 33 further comprising:
fifth program instructions to disable, by the target, a recordation of any portion of the plurality of messaging system events regarding the target;
wherein the fifth program instructions are stored in the computer readable tangible storage device for execution by the processor via the computer readable memory.
36. (New) The apparatus of claim 33 further comprising:
sixth program instructions to provide an access list for the target; and
seventh program instructions to record the plurality of times for signing in and signing out of the target, the average time signed on each day of the target, and the plurality of messages sent and received by the target only in response to a person on the access list;
wherein the sixth and seventh program instructions are stored in the computer readable tangible storage device for execution by the processor via the computer readable memory.
37. (New) The apparatus of claim 33 further comprising:
eighth program instructions to provide a watch list for the target; and
ninth program instructions to record the plurality of times for signing in and signing out of the target, the average time signed on each day of the target, and the plurality of messages sent and received by the target only in response to an event on the watch list;
wherein the eighth and ninth program instructions are stored in the computer readable tangible storage device for execution by the processor via the computer readable memory.

38. (New) The apparatus of claim 33 further comprising:

tenth program instructions to configure the display to provide from the plurality of times for signing in and signing out of the target, the average time signed on each day of the target, and the plurality of messages sent and received by the target, a best time to contact the target for a messaging session.

39. (New) A computer program product comprising:

a computer readable storage device;

first program instructions detect a plurality of messaging system events of a target;

second program instructions to record the plurality of messaging system events in a database;

third program instructions to compile from the plurality of messaging system events a plurality of times for signing in and signing out of the target, an average time signed on each day of the target, and a plurality of messages sent and received by the target; and

fourth program instructions to display the plurality of times for signing in and signing out of the target, the average time signed on each day of the target, and the plurality of messages sent and received by the target;

wherein the first through the fourth program instructions are stored in the computer readable storage device.

40. (New) The computer program product of claim 39 further comprising:

wherein the plurality of messaging system events are detected on a messaging system that is one of an instant messaging system, an email messaging system, and an electronic bulletin board system; and

wherein the plurality of times for signing in and signing out of the target, the average time signed on each day of the target, and the plurality of messages sent and received by the target are displayed in a statistical histogram.

41. (New) The computer program product of claim 39 further comprising:
fifth program instructions to disable, by the target, a recordation of any portion of the plurality of messaging system events regarding the target;
wherein the fifth program instructions are stored in the computer readable tangible storage device.
42. (New) The computer program product of claim 39 further comprising:
sixth program instructions to provide an access list for the target; and
seventh program instructions to record the plurality of times for signing in and signing out of the target, the average time signed on each day of the target, and the plurality of messages sent and received by the target only in response to a person on the access list;
wherein the sixth and seventh program instructions are stored in the computer readable tangible storage device.
43. (New) The computer program product of claim 39 further comprising:
eighth program instructions to provide a watch list for the target; and
ninth program instructions to record the plurality of times for signing in and signing out of the target, the average time signed on each day of the target, and the plurality of messages sent and received by the target only in response to an event on the watch list;
wherein the eighth and ninth program instructions are stored in the computer readable tangible storage device.
44. (New) The computer program product of claim 39 further comprising:
tenth program instructions to configure the display to provide from the plurality of times for signing in and signing out of the target, the average time signed on each day of the target, and the plurality of messages sent and received by the target, a best time to contact the target for a messaging session;
wherein the tenth program instructions are stored in the computer readable tangible storage device.